

**MUD, CAMP, & SPRING CREEK WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
CITY OF ALTOONA, IOWA
CITY HALL
407 EIGHTH STREET SE, ALTOONA, IOWA**

**JANUARY 30, 2014
10:00 AM**

MEETING MINUTES

1. Introductions

See attached sign in sheet.

2. Review of Status of Watershed Management Authority (WMA) & Membership

Mark Land presented a memo regarding the status of approval for the WMA. At the time of the meeting, all eligible jurisdictions had approved the agreement with the exception of the Marion County SWCD. Marion County SWCD met on January 30, 2014 to discuss will let Mark know the results of the discussion.

Bob Rice note the unanimous approval would be a positive thing and would help with the overall planning and funding process.

Bethany Wilcoxon (MPO) mentioned the MPO has a goal of creating WMAs throughout the metro area. They are currently working on the Walnut Creek WMA.

3. Review of Draft Bylaws

Mark Land presented a set of draft bylaws to the attendees and discussed key points within the bylaws for review. It was decided that Mud, Camp, & Spring Creek Watershed Management Authority would be the official name that would be registered. However, it could be referred to as the MCSC Watershed Management Authority or MSCS WMA. Edits will also be made to the portion that allows the designation of an alternate or a proxy to vote at meetings.

4. Discussion on process for Election of Officers

Bob Rice, Ben Champ, and Vern Willey agreed to form an officer nominating committee. Their findings and recommendations will be presented at the next WMA meeting.

5. Discussion on Grant Opportunities

Mark Land presented possible funding opportunities. The initial funding would be desired to complete watershed planning. It is hopeful the Iowa DNR will have additional watershed planning grants for watershed management authorities. That grant was obtained by Fourmile Creek, for example, and is 100% funding with no match required. Another option would be the Planning Assistance to States fund from the US Army Corps of Engineers. This is a 50/50 grant with the Corps typically providing the costs to complete the scope and then doing the work. Funding for implementation may be easier with the Corps. They would already have a vested interest in the watersheds and their involvement may open doors for future Corps funding opportunities for projects in the watershed. Jennifer Welch noted she was working on a Watershed Development and Planning Assistance Grant Application that was due on January 31, 2014. This grant would provide some funding for stream assessments for Spring Creek since some of that work has already been completed on Mud and Camp Creeks. This is not as comprehensive as the planning scope desired for the IDNR or Corps funding.

6. Discussion on Future Agenda Items

- Nominating committee findings and recommendations
- Election of officers
- Approving the bylaws
- Questionnaire results - set future meeting date/time/location
- Review of previously completed activities in the watersheds

7. Set Next Meeting Date/Time/Location

Next meeting was discussed to be held on February 20, 2014 at 10 am at the Altoona City Hall.

8. Adjourn

**Watershed Management Authority – Informational Meeting
January 30, 2014
Mud, Camp, & Spring Creek**

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